

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	27 June 2001
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Bizzarian
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Studio Ironcat L.L.C.
Author:	Knife Sen'no
Format:	Comic
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The comic entitled *Bizzarian* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The comic promotes and supports criteria listed in s3(2) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), namely the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and the use of violence to compel any person to submit to sexual conduct. The comic does this through the two complete stories it contains. The strong illustrations present young female school girls in sexual situations with adults that eventually turn to sexual violence where the young females are raped. These elements of sex, youth, and sexual violence are the crux of the narratives and are presented in a graphic manner intended to be sexually arousing. As such the publication is clearly promoting and supporting the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and the use of violence to compel any person to submit to sexual conduct.

As a deeming provision, it is not possible to give s3(2)(a) and s3(2)(b) of the FVPC Act an interpretation that is consistent with the freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The classification of "objectionable" is the only restriction on the freedom of expression that is available to prevent injury to the public good.

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